

HUI LIMA KOKUA HAWAII CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Website: www.huilimakokua.com. Happy 4th of July!

Next Club Activity. (a) The Church (OLA) where we normally meet will be utilizing all the rooms during our next scheduled meeting so we will be having a potluck picnic at Camino Real Park in Ventura starting at noon on July 8. President **Darrin Ching** will be on work-related travel so we will not be able to enjoy his cooking. But we will still have the potluck picnic along with the plant sharing program where members can share plants with others. **Lori (Mario and Leandra Castroni's daughter)** will talk about gardening. So please bring a potluck dish and plants (if you have) to share with members at the picnic. The club will be furnishing the rice, plates, cups, and utensils. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, umbrella or sunscreen for protection. If time permits we will kanikapila. (b) Tentative future club events:

July 8. Potluck picnic at Camino Real Park in Ventura starting at noon.

August. No meeting due to conflict (The Ukulele Club of Ventura County will be performing in an Ukulele and Hula Competition in Las Vegas).

September 9. Election and Installation of officers at a yet to be determined restaurant. Please contact **Darrin Ching** at 388-1544 if you are interested in running for office next fiscal year (October – September).

October 14. Annual Luau. This Luau is a club function and we will need your kokua (help). **Kaimana Pendergrass** will be the Chairperson again for this event so please offer her your assistance – in the kitchen, on the serving line, food preparation, setting up the hall, cleaning up, etc. Mahalo.

Past Meetings. Last month (June 10) seven members visited the the Cachuma Casino by bus. The Hui subsidized each of us \$40 (\$25 for the bus ride and \$15 for lunch). I came home with \$37 in profit so I took **Kay** out to dinner that night. I believe I made some money because **Ray & Connie Louie** gave all of us a lucky frog origami made from a dollar bill. The Japanese word for frog is “kaeru” which also means money that is spent will come back to you. **Ron Wong** made \$25 and **Darrin Ching** made \$5. I'm not sure how the rest of the other members did. Anyway the bus driver (**Divina**) was a former member of our club. She told me that she couldn't attend our meetings anymore because of her work schedule. Wow, she is a gal who really knows how to drive the big bus.

Hawaiian Tidbit. (a) The Hawaiian Inter-Club Council of Southern California will host the 39th annual Alondra Park Ho'olaule'a to be held on July 15 and 16 from 9:30 to 5 at Alondra Park in the city of Lawndale. There will be entertainment, boutiques booths, games, and food booths. This is one of the biggest Hoolaulea in Southern California. (b) Ukulele Festival Hawaii presents the 47th Annual Ukulele Festival at Kapiolani Park Bandstand (Waikiki) Sunday, July 16, 2017, 10:30 am – 5:00 pm. Admission: Free. Since 1971, **Roy Sakuma** and his sponsors have been keeping the ukulele alive and well by presenting the Annual Ukulele Festival every July in Waikiki. It is the largest of it's kind in the world, attracting an audience of thousands to a free two-hour concert that showcases the finest ukulele players, along with national celebrities. Imagine, **Sakuma** started this festival when he was 23 years old.

Hawaii Sports. In June 2017, Hawaii's **Max Holloway** won the World Ultimate Fighting Championship Featherweight (145 pounds) division championship. **Max** was born and raised in Waianae, Oahu, and graduated from Waianae High School in 2010. This event brings back memories of

Hawaii's boxing champion, **Dado Marino**, who won the world Flyweight Boxing Championship in 1950. Also **Carl "Bobo" Olsen** won the World Middleweight Boxing Championship in 1954.

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Mike's Rambling Corner

1. King tides, higher than average ocean tides that occur during the months around the winter and summer solstices, have made the local headlines in Hawaii. Beach goers are having a much more difficult time finding dry sand on the south shore of Oahu and businesses in the low lying districts have to contend with flooding. When summer swells occur during king tides, coastal areas could be in danger of flooding erosion and waves can top berms. A University of Hawaii oceanography professor also pointed out that strong trade winds that used to push Pacific Ocean waters west have eased recently resulting in higher average water levels in Hawaii. The city Department of Parks and Recreation and many businesses in low-lying areas erected sand bag barriers to try and minimize the impact of the anticipated flooding. Owners of property in low lying areas should make sure their flood insurance is adequate or put it in place if they don't have any.

2. Hawaii residents had the 2nd highest amount of consumer debt per capita in the nation. Not surprisingly, most of the debt consisted of home mortgages due to Hawaii's high real estate prices. The median sales price in May 2017 for single family homes in Hawaii was \$745,000 (3.6% higher than May 2016) and for condos was \$406,500 (9.0% higher than May 2016). Demand for both single family homes and condos was over 13% higher than last year and supply remains extremely tight. This is one reason more young adults live with their parents or grandparents.

3. Connie Louie wants me to pass on this following information as we are now into summer. On June 15 **Connie** attended her grand daughter's graduation in Riverside in the afternoon held at the athletic field. It was hot day and **Connie** suffered a sunstroke. She was incoherent and almost passed out. Luckily her son and Son-in-Law (a medical doctor) were there and escorted her to the shade where they gave her water and cared for her until she recovered. She asked me to warn Hui members about the hot days ahead so keep hydrated and keep out of prolonged heat. Mahalo **Connie**, y'all take care!

4. "Newly crowned Miss Hawaii 2017 **Kathryn Teruya** is a perfect poi-dog mix of ethnicities" reads the caption of the Honolulu newspaper. I didn't get to read the rest of the article since I'm not a paid subscriber. But the term "poi-dog mix" may be a bit puzzling to non Hawaiians. Is this a way to describe a beautiful young lady? For your information, she is of Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian, English, German, Hungarian and Romanian ancestry, which was the reason the term "poi-dog mix" was used. In 2012, **Kathryn** won the title of Miss Hawaii Teen USA, a title in which her younger sister, **Lauren Teruya**, now holds. **Kathryn** will represent the Aloha State when she competes for the Miss America title in Atlantic City in September.

5. This August, the U.S. will experience its first coast-to-coast total solar eclipse in 99 years. Total solar eclipses occur every year or two or three, often in the middle of nowhere like the South Pacific or Antarctic. What makes this one so special — at least for Americans — is that it will cut diagonally across the entire United States. The path of totality on Aug. 21 — where day briefly becomes night — will pass over Oregon, continuing through the heartland all the way to Charleston, South Carolina. Those on the outskirts — all the way into Canada, Central America and even the upper part of South America — will be treated to a partial eclipse. The last time a total solar eclipse swept the whole width of the U.S. was in 1918. Use special eclipse glasses so you don't ruin your eyes. Be prepaed.